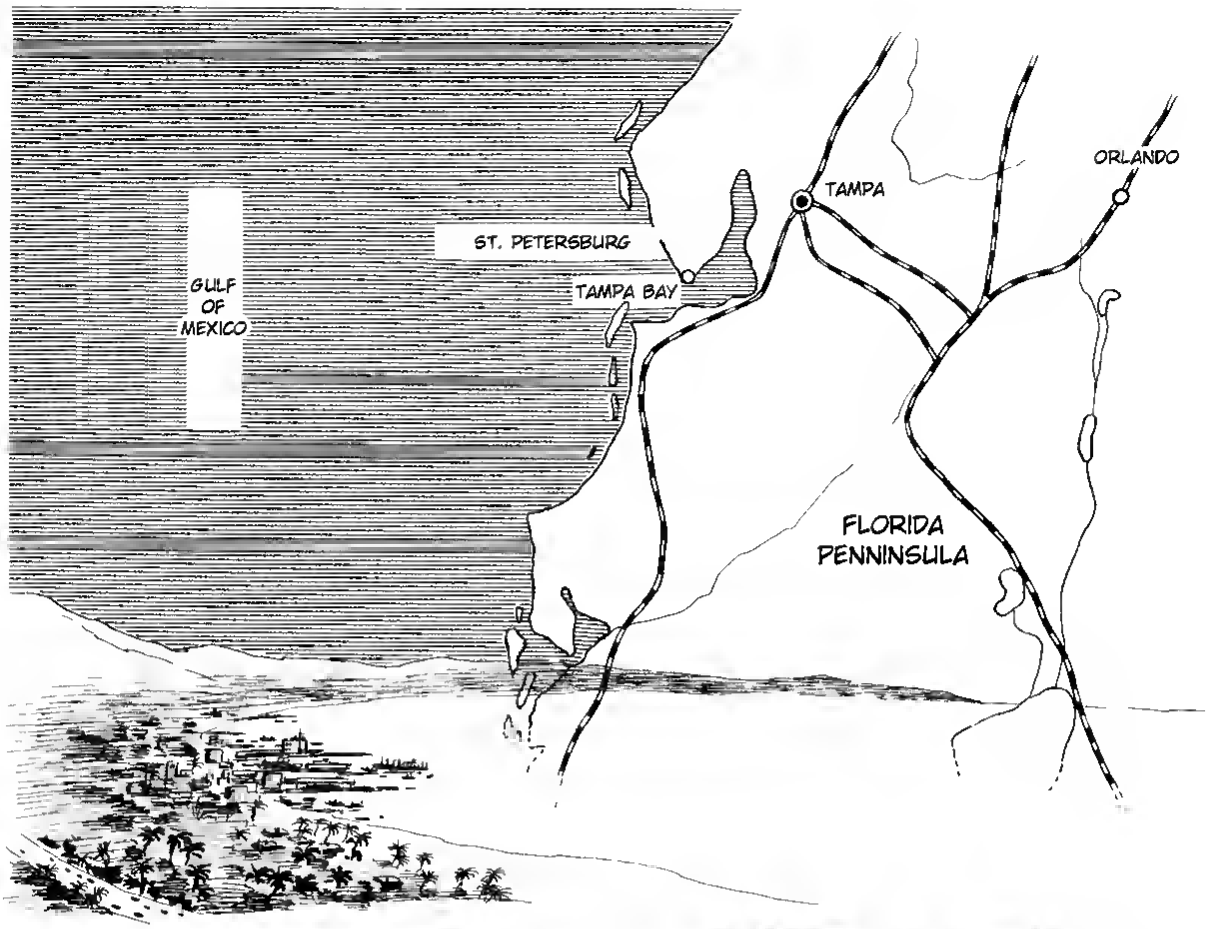
CHAPTER 3: DANCE OF THE VENOMOUS FISH


GULF OF MEXICO
ST. PETERSBURG
TAMPA BAY
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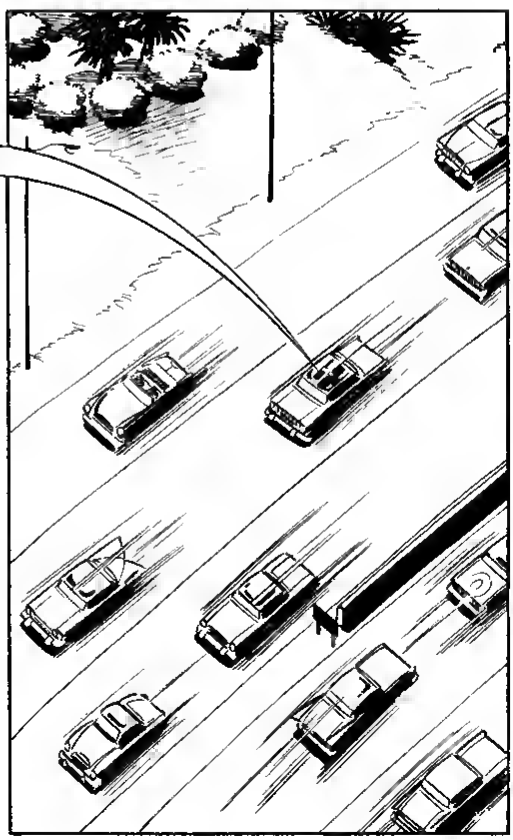
STILL, THIS IS CERTAINLY LIKE YOU JAMES.



MM, WHAT IS?
BEING SO CAUTIOUS THAT, RATHER THAN TAKE THE TRAIN DIRECTLY TO ST. PETERSBURG, YOU GET OFF A STOP BEFORE...

INCIDENTALLY, HAVE THINGS BEEN FINE WITH LEITER SINCE HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL....?
...
MR. BIG... IS CERTAINLY A TERRIFYING MAN...
I WAS REMINDED OF HOW TERRIFYING AN ORGANISATION IT IS WE'RE UP AGAINST.
THEY MANAGED TO STOP THE BLEEDING, SO I IMAGINE HE WILL BE...
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THIS SHOULD DO, COULD YOU STOP THE CAR.

AH, IF IT ISN'T THE BRYCES.
YOU RESERVED CABANA FOUR.
TH... THE ONE TO BOOK IT WAS LEITER.
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS COUPLE BUSINESS.
THANK YOU.

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UUH!
DON'T MOVE!
TAKE THIS!
UM!

WAIT!
SHIT!
TCH!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
IT REALLY IS KITTY?!
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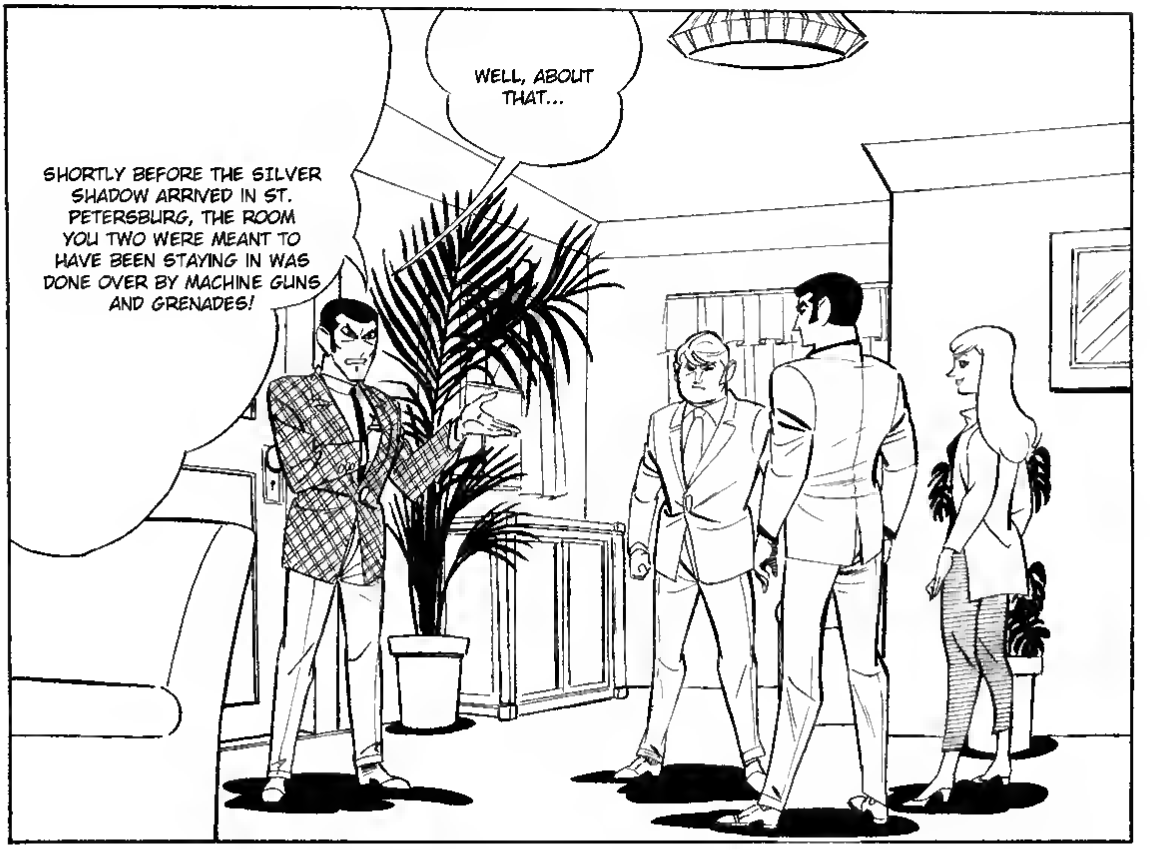
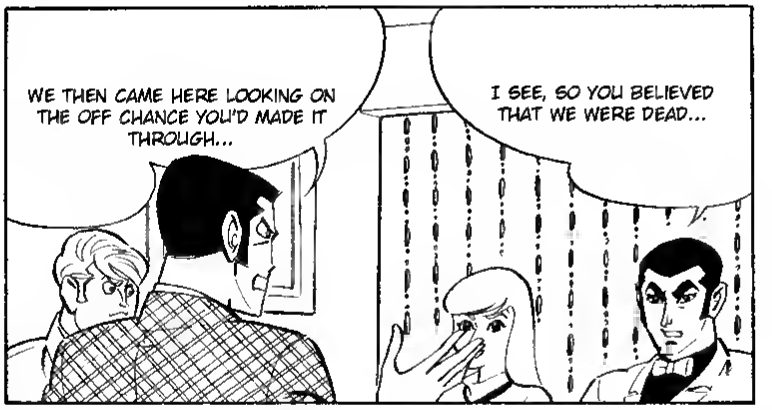
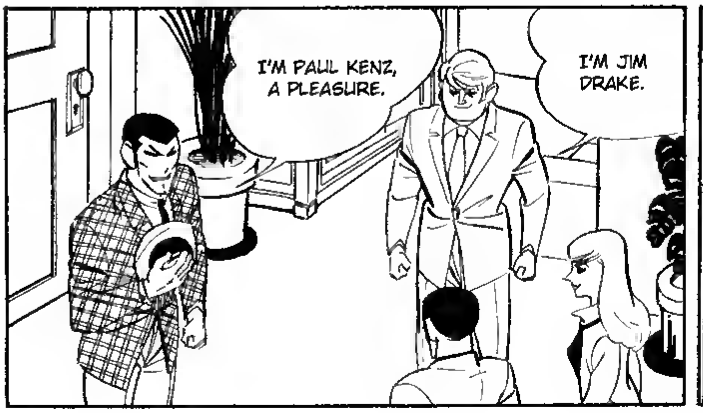
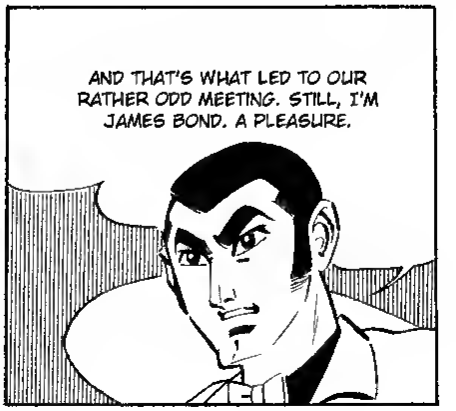
THAT'S KITTY RIGHT?!
KITTY?!
THIS IS 007, JAMES BOND?!
JAMES?!
SORRY JAMES, THESE ARE MY FELLOW CIA OPERATIVES.
WHO ARE THESE MEN KITTY?
WHAT'E YOU TWO DOING HERE?
I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING...
YOU TWO SHOULD'VE KNOWN WE'D BE COMING HERE TOGETHER...
WHY?
WELL, WE THOUGHT HE WAS ONE OF BIG'S UNDERLINGS...
NOW HOW ABOUT YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?


WELL, ABOUT THAT...
SHORTLY BEFORE THE SILVER SHADOW ARRIVED IN ST. PETERSBURG, THE ROOM YOU TWO WERE MEANT TO HAVE BEEN STAYING IN WAS DONE OVER BY MACHINE GUNS AND GRENADES!

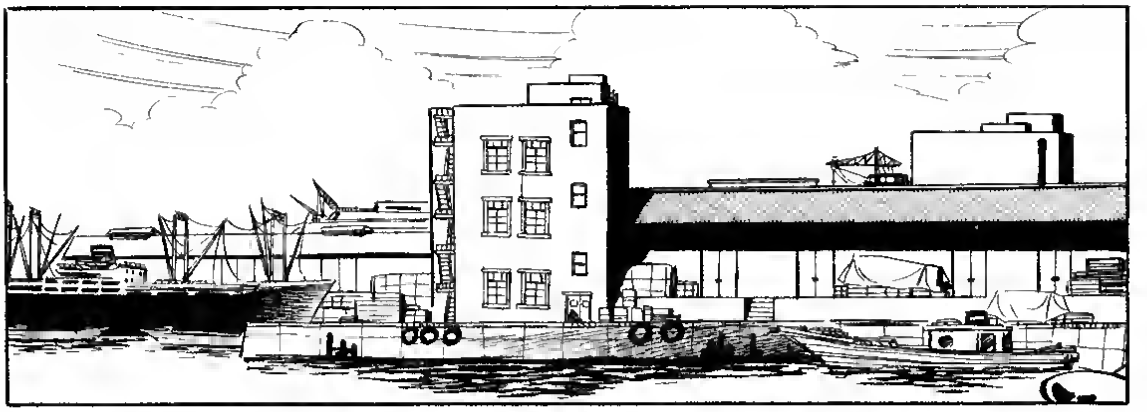
IF WE DIDN'T GET OFF A STOP EARLY... OOH I GET GOOSEBUMPS JUST THINKING ABOUT IT...

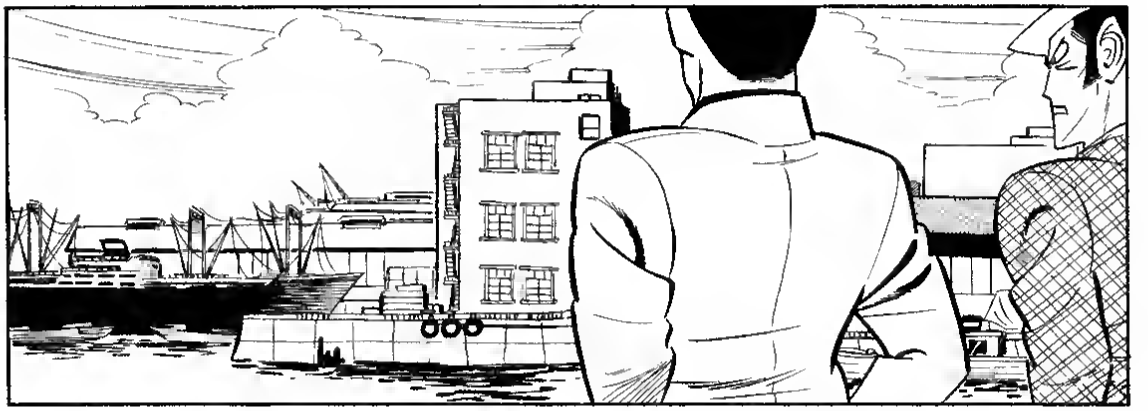

WE THEN CAME HERE LOOKING ON THE OFF CHANCE YOU'D MADE IT THROUGH...
I SEE, SO YOU BELIEVED THAT WE WERE DEAD...

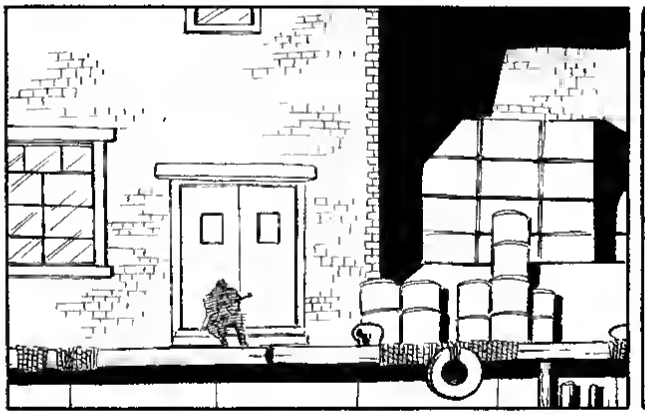

I'M PAUL KENZ, A PLEASURE.
I'M JIM DRAKE.


AND THAT'S WHAT LED TO OUR RATHER ODD MEETING. STILL, I'M JAMES BOND. A PLEASURE.

THERE'S A COMPANY IN A SECTION OF TOWN CALLED "OUROBOROS", WHICH SELLS LIVE FEED AND TROPICAL FISH...
THINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS...
WHERE'S MR. BIG?
I'LL BE BRIEF...
ALRIGHT, WE SHOULD SCOUT IT OUT AT ONCE...
BIG'S ORGANISATION IS HELMED BY A SINGLE MAN, ROBBER, AND IT'S HE WHO RUNS THE COMPANY TOO.
A TROPICAL FISH SHOP EH...
FROM OUR INVESTIGATIONS, WE'VE FOUND BIG HAS BEEN GOING IN AND OUT OF THERE.
THANKS, KITTY.
TAKE CARE JAMES.
US TWO WILL GO FOR NOW.
WE'LL STAND OUT IF THEY SEE US ALL TOGETHER. KITTY AND DRAKE WILL STAY HERE.







IT'S THE BUILDING BY THOSE WAREHOUSES.

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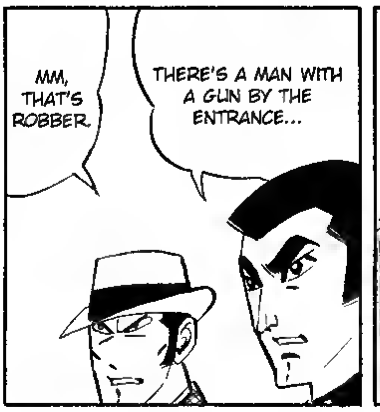
MM, THAT'S ROBBER.
THERE'S A MAN WITH A GUN BY THE ENTRANCE...

HEEEY.
WE'RE AFTER SOME UNUSUAL, TROPICAL FISH...
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YOU'RE THE OWNER, RIGHT?
WHILE I HATE FUSSY, STRAY DOGS.
HEHEHE. OUTSIDE OF TROPICAL FISH, I REALLY DO LIKE MIGHTY LEADERS.
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WE DON'T DO RETAIL.
GO LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE...

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UH!
LIKE HIM!
HOOOOWL!
KEHEHEHE. EVEN IF THERE'S JUST ONE, YOU SHOULD GET RID OF THEM!
I'LL KILL EACH AND EVERY LAST ONE OF THOSE WANDERING STRAYS!
NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY, THIS IS PRIVATE LAND!
HOW CRUEL...

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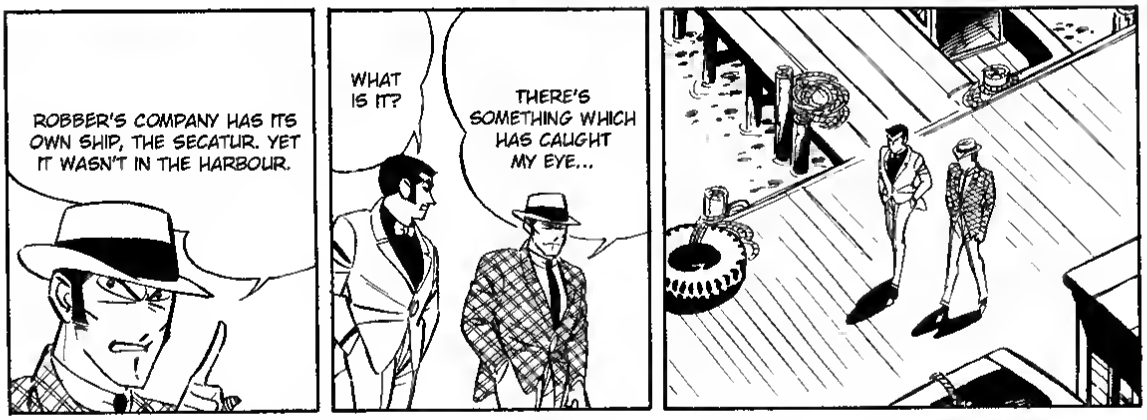
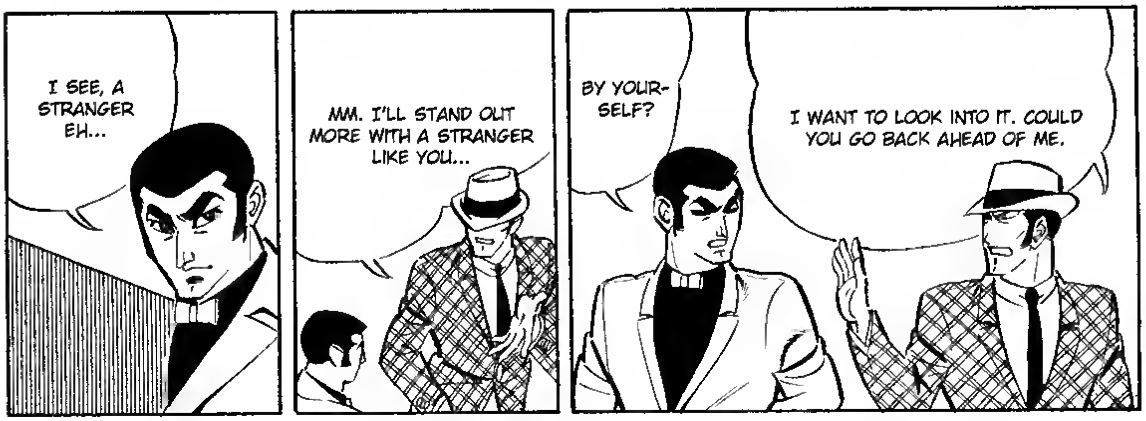
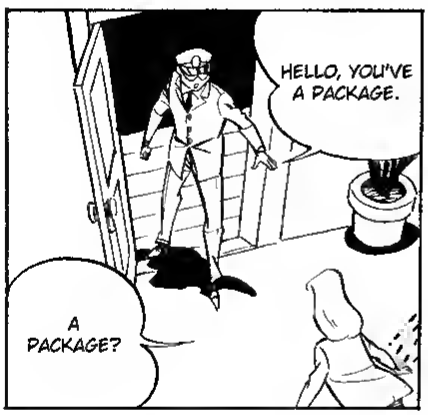
EVERY LAST ONE!
HE DID A FINE JOB PLAYING US THERE... IT'S OUR LOSS...
SEEMS WE'LL BE POSTPONING OUR MEETING WITH BIG...
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THAT'S 007, JAMES BOND HIMSELF!
YOU'RE SURE THATS JAMES BOND?
WHATEVER MAY BE, WE'LL NEED TO DEAL WITH HIM BY THE TIME MR. BIG GETS BACK FROM JAMAICA.
I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE MADE IT THROUGH SOMEHOW...
PERHAPS HE'S INVINCIBLE?
WE PAID A VISIT TO THE SILVER SHADOW WITH LEAD BULLETS AND GRENADES, YET HE STILL LIVES...

007 LIVE AND LET DIE


ROBBER'S COMPANY HAS ITS OWN SHIP, THE SECATUR. YET IT WASN'T IN THE HARBOUR.
WHAT IS IT?
THERE'S SOMETHING WHICH HAS CAUGHT MY EYE...

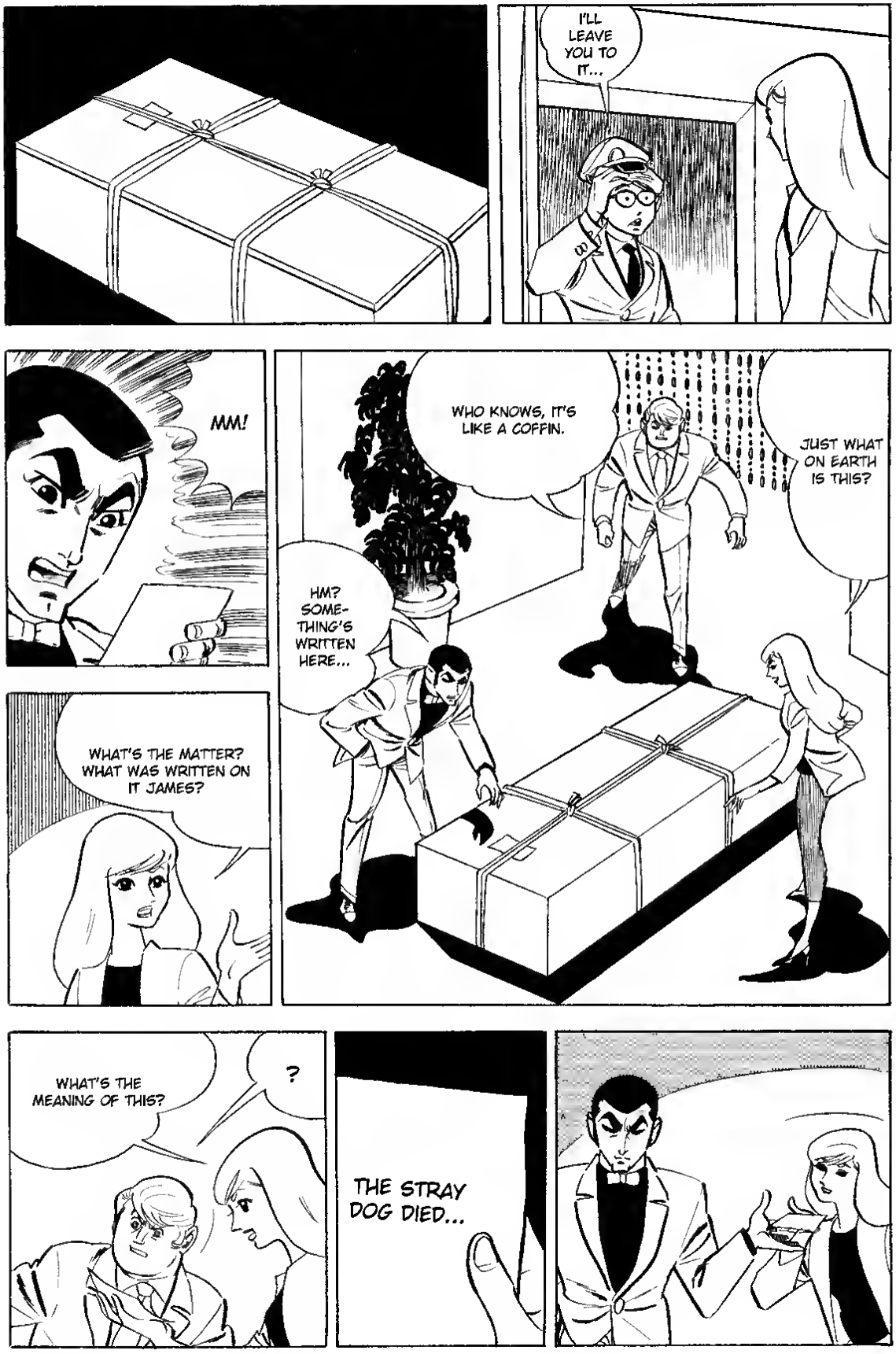

I SEE, A STRANGER EH...
MM. I'LL STAND OUT MORE WITH A STRANGER LIKE YOU...
BY YOURSELF?
I WANT TO LOOK INTO IT. COULD YOU GO BACK AHEAD OF ME.

THIS IS LOVELY KITTY. BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAD ANYTHING PROPER TO EAT.


HELLO, YOU'VE A PACKAGE.
A PACKAGE?

OH, IS SOMEONE THERE?
STILL, KENZ IS CERTAINLY LATE...

WHAT'S UP KITTY?


I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT...
MM!
WHO KNOWS, IT'S LIKE A COFFIN.
JUST WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS?
HM? SOME-THING'S WRITTEN HERE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT WAS WRITTEN ON IT JAMES?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
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THE STRAY DOG DIED...

TH... THEN, IN THIS IS...?!
EH?!
KITTY, DRAKE... I'M SORRY, IF ONLY I'D GONE WITH HIM...
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HE SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE ALONE...
MOSTLY LIKELY...
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DON'T LOOK KITTY!
KENZ!
THEY DID SOMETHING UNUSUAL TO IT...
YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THE CORPSE...
HM?
JUST A SEC, BOND...
I'LL GET THEM BACK FOR THIS!
DAMN IT!

WHAT COULD'VE CAUSED THESE WOUNDS?! IT WAS LIKE HE WAS BITTEN...
THEY LEFT HIM IN A TOTALLY VILE STATE!
MM! L... LOOK HERE...!
UNUSUAL YOU SAY?
RATHER THAN THAT...
BUT WHY WOULD KENZ BE IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
SHARKS!
THE CORPSE LOOKS AS THOUGH IT WERE SOMEWHERE WET, AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY SHARKS OR SOMETHING...
I WOULD HAVE YOU CONTACT THE CIA ABOUT IT THOUGH.
SHOULD WE TELL THE POLICE?
NO. IF WE HAPHAZARDLY GO PUBLIC WITH THIS, IT COULD BECOME HARDER FOR US TO OPERATE...
I THINK THE TRUTH MIGHT BE, THAT HE WAS TAKEN THERE...

THERE'S A PLACE I WANT TO TAKE A LITTLE LOOK INTO...
MM...
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ALRIGHT, GOT IT.
KENZ WAS LOOKING INTO THE LOCATION OF ROBBER'S COMPANY SHIP, THE SECATUR, I'D LIKE YOU TO CARRY ON WITH THAT.
SO BOND, WHAT ARE WE TO DO FROM HEREON?
FUFUFU. OF COURSE, THAT'S HOW I WANT IT!
ROBBER. HE WON'T PULL BACK FROM SUCH A THREAT YOU KNOW.

FUFUFU, I'LL GET HIM RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS BROWS!
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I'LL BE WAITING FOR HIM TO COME BEARING HIS ENRAGED FANGS!
I SENT THAT STRAY DOG BACK IN A BOX AS A CHALLENGE!
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UWAHAHA, HAHAHA...
G... GET LOST, DON'T MAKE SUCH TIRED JOKES!
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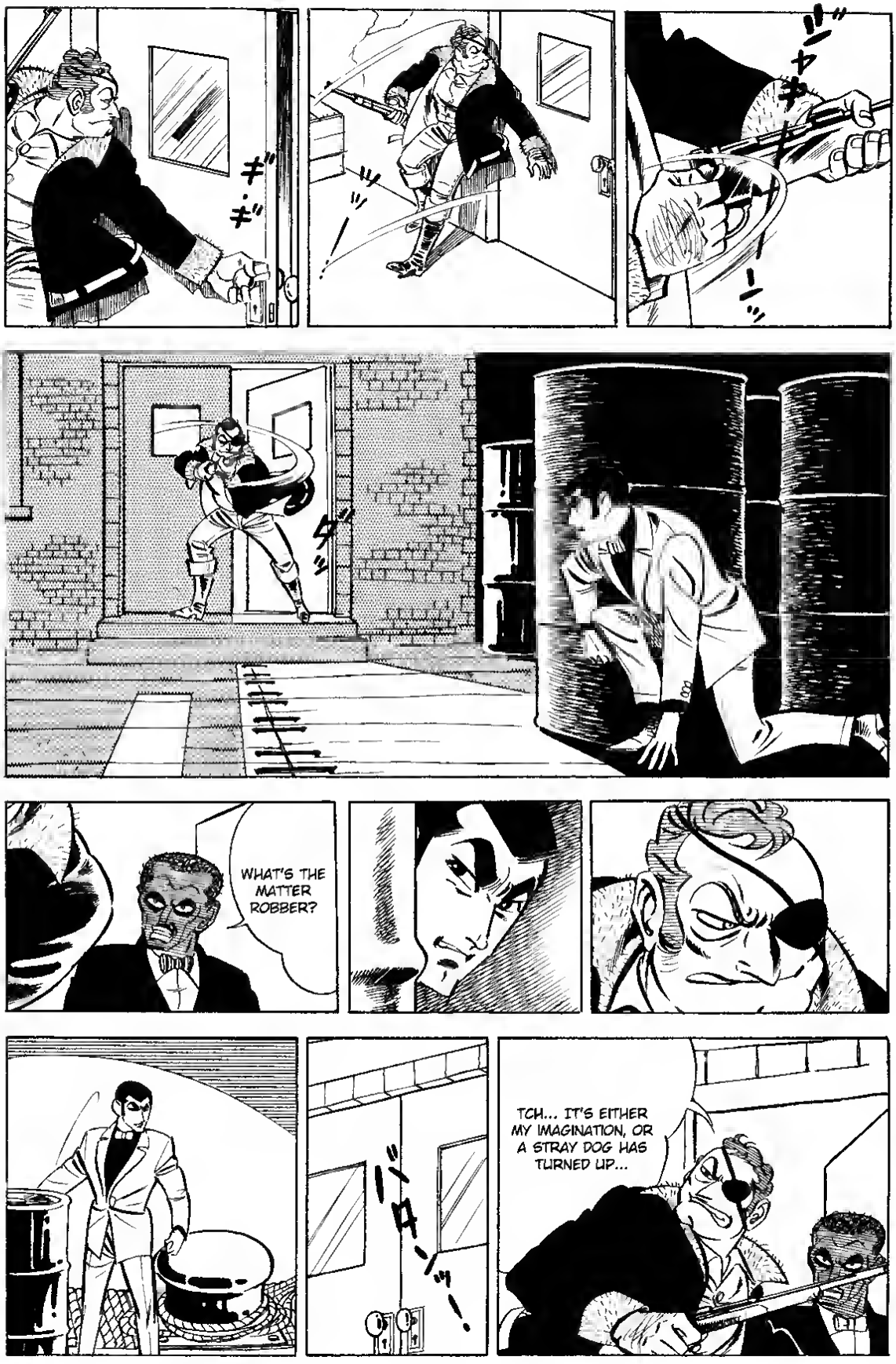
HM? WHAT'S WRONG?
MM!


WHAT'S THE MATTER ROBBER?
TCH... IT'S EITHER MY IMAGINATION, OR A STRAY DOG HAS TURNED UP...

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I'D THOUGHT HE WAS RAISING SHARKS IN THIS WAREHOUSE BUT...
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HM?
REALLY IS GLARING AT ME!
FUFUFU... FOR A SMALL FELLA YOU'RE CERTAINLY KEEN TO GO AT THINGS BIGGER THAN YOU!
ELECTIRC EELS WHICH CAN KILL HORSES... MUDFISH, SCORPIONFISH... NOTHING BUT VENOMOUS FISH INFACT...
THERE'S CERTAINLY ALL SORT OF THINGS HERE... TROPICAL STINGRAYS, GUITARFISH.

ODD...
MM?
I THINK I GET WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, MR. BIG!
FUFUFU...
WHICH MEANS...!
THE TANK WAS ONLY THIS DEEP...
IS IT THAT SHALLOW...?
ELSE I'LL BE THE ONE DONE IN...
I NEED TO AIM PROPERLY...
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PHEW...
UH!
THIS IS HOW HE'S BEEN CARRYING THE GOLD COINS!
I KNEW IT!
GOLD COINS!
YOU'VE A GOOD INTUITION TO REALISE THE GOLD COINS WERE IN THERE!
A STRAY DOG WITH MONEY EH! WHAT A NICE SCENE, FUFUFU...

BUT HE HAD A MESSAGE FOR YOU... HE SAID TO SAY HELLO TO THAT RESTLESS, SMUG ENGLISH BASTARD!
THE GOOD MR. BIG IS ON A TRIP AT PRESENT.
WHERE ABOUTS IS MR. BIG NOW?
HELLO THERE SAM, HASN'T IT BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE WERE TOGETHER?
HEH! NOT BAD TALK FOR A STRAY DOG! THEY SAY THE WEAKER THE DOG, THE MORE IT BARKS!
AND ALL I EVER MEET ARE THE SMALL FRY!
HELLO TO BIG TOO! WE'RE PASSING EACH OTHER BY LIKE IT'S A DRAMA!
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OI, SAM! DON'T YOU HAVE TO GET PAYBACK ON THIS ONE?
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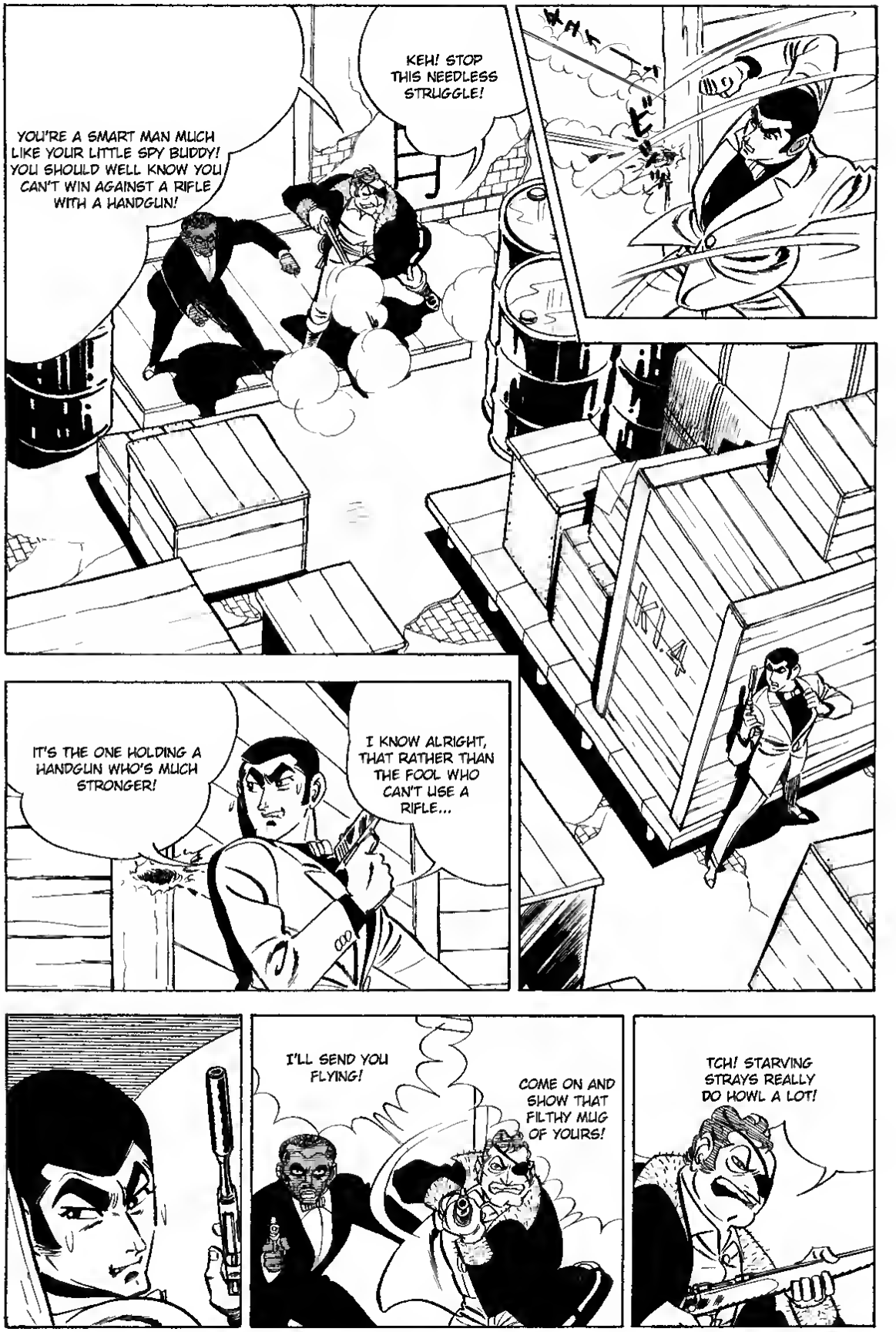
KEH! STOP THIS NEEDLESS STRUGGLE!
YOU'RE A SMART MAN MUCH LIKE YOUR LITTLE SPY BUDDY! YOU SHOULD WELL KNOW YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST A RIFLE WITH A HANDGUN!
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I KNOW ALRIGHT, THAT RATHER THAN THE FOOL WHO CAN'T USE A RIFLE...
IT'S THE ONE HOLDING A HANDGUN WHO'S MUCH STRONGER!
I'LL SEND YOU FLYING!
COME ON AND SHOW THAT FILTHY MUG OF YOURS!
TCH! STARVING STRAYS REALLY DO HOWL A LOT!

FROZEN WITH FEAR ARE YOU!? THIS'LL GET YOU OUT!
FUFUFU...
I CAN'T GET CARELESS...
I SAW HIS SKILLS WHEN HE SHOT THAT DOG... HE'S PRETTY DAMN GOOD...
I KNOW!
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I CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU ARE EVEN WITH MY EYE CLOSED!
BUT THIS IS MY WAREHOUSE!
FUFUFU, DAMN FOOL! I GUESS YOU THOUGHT TO FLEE IN THE DARKNESS!
MM...
ALL THIS'LL DO IS MAKE IT MORE DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR YOU!
THAT IS TO SAY, YOU DUG YOUR OWN GRAVE!
NOW, COME ON OUT JAMES BOND!
LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE, BOND... I WOULDN'T GO CARELESSLY PUTTING MY HAND OR ANYTHING INTO THOSE TANKS! IT'S NOTHING BUT VENOMOUS FISH OVER THERE! FUFUFUFU.
GOT IT!
OI SAM, GO GET SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS FROM OUT THERE, THEN FLANK HIM!

ALRIGHT! THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO FIRE A SLEW OF BULLETS.
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HE'S THE TYPE TO STARVE OUT HIS OPPONENT...
SO HE WON'T CARELESSLY GET CLOSE TO ME EITHER...
UH!
HANDS IN THE AIR, BOND!
THE HIDE AND SEEK'S OVER!
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...
I'M ALWAYS THE ONE CHASING, AND YOU THE ONE FLEEING!
FUFUFU...

ARGH, HAHAHA! WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT VIGOUR JUST NOW BOND?
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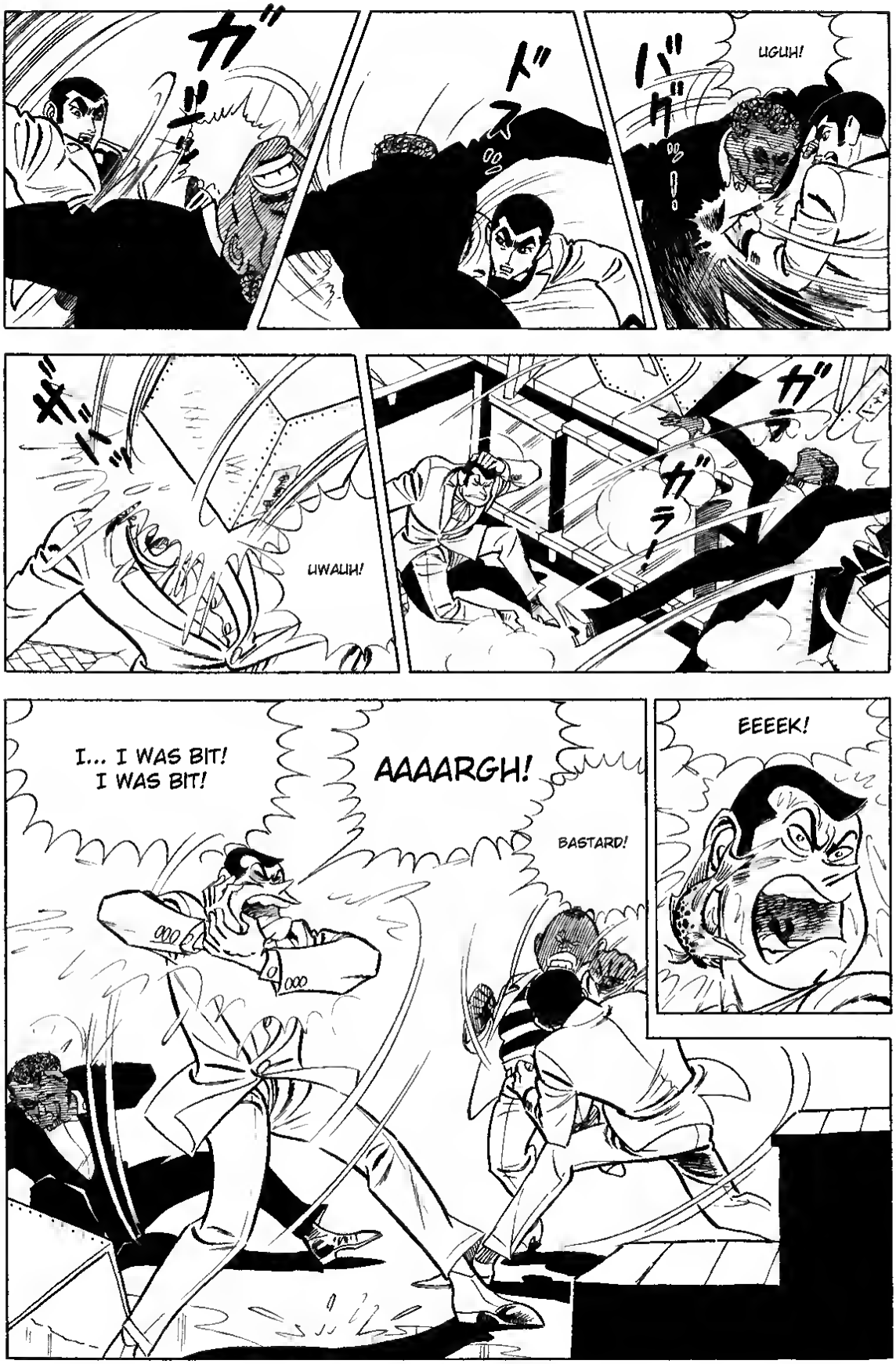
ARGH!
AH!
GEH!
HM!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EEEEK!
I... I WAS BIT!
I WAS BIT!
AAAARGH!
BASTARD!

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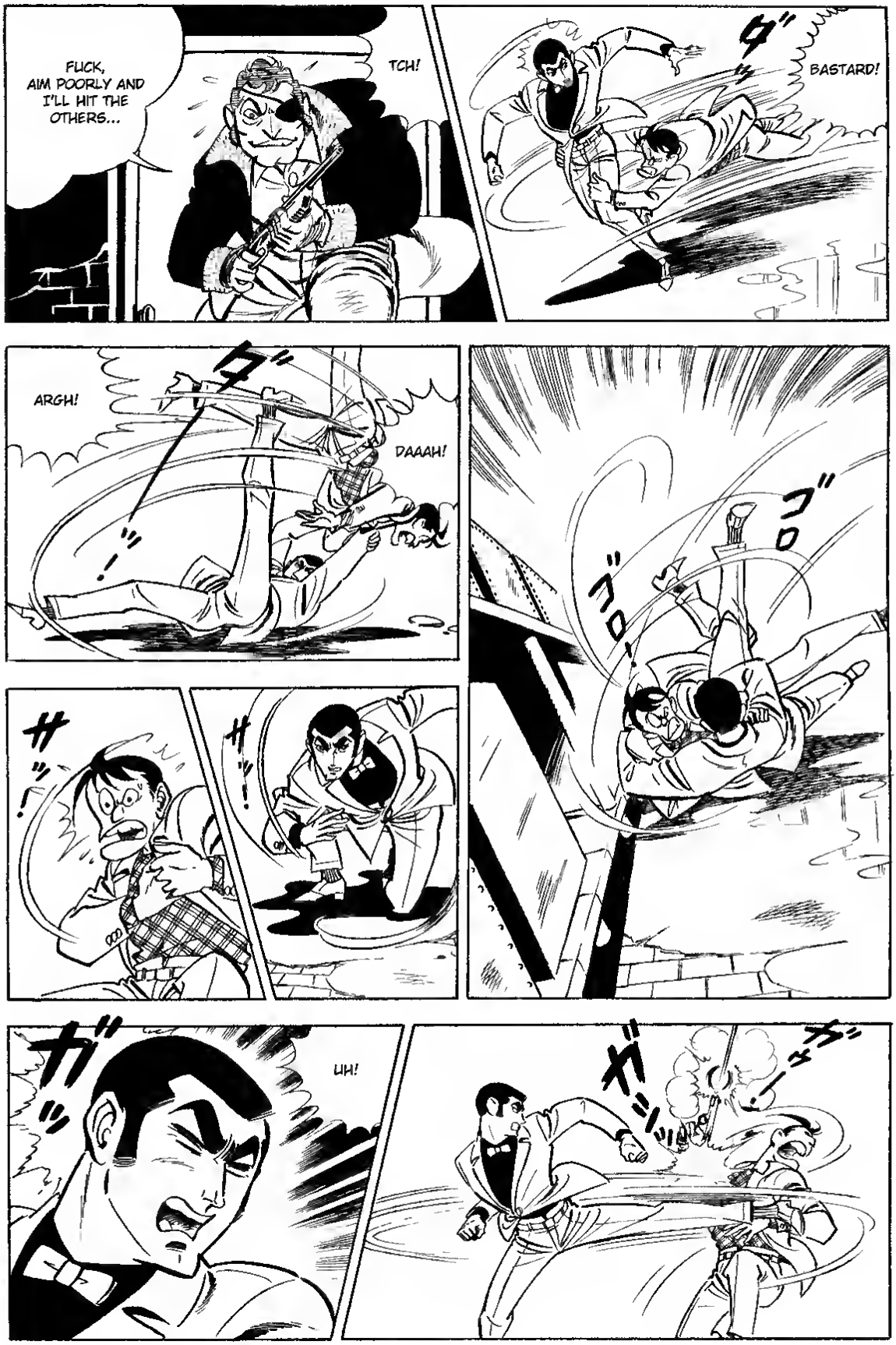
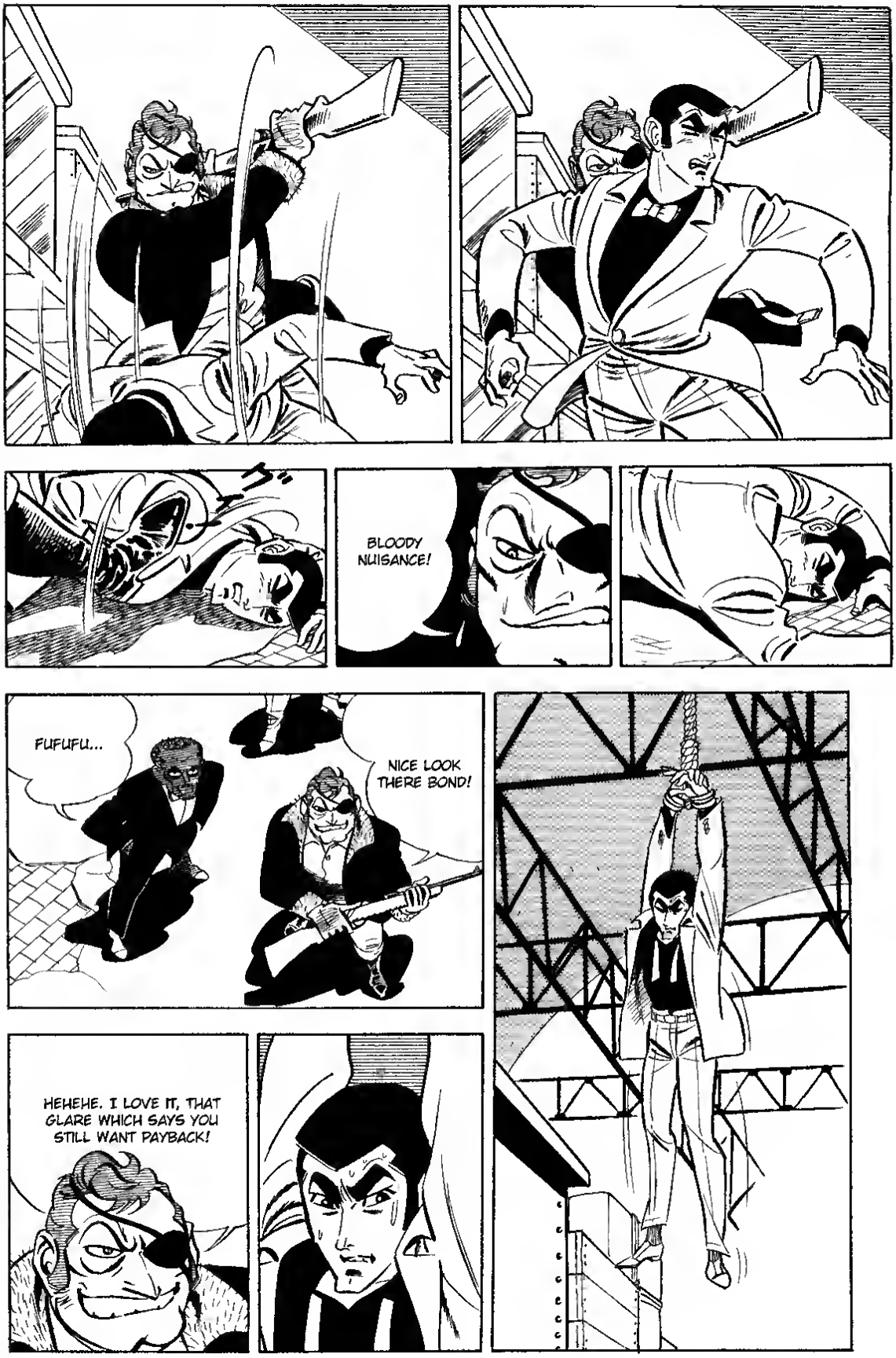
DIE!

GEHOH!
UH!
SHIT!
TCH!


FUCK, AIM POORLY AND I'LL HIT THE OTHERS...
TCH!
BASTARD!
ARGH!
DAAAH!
UH!


BLOODY NUISANCE!
FUFUFU...
NICE LOOK THERE BOND!
HEHEHE. I LOVE IT, THAT GLARE WHICH SAYS YOU STILL WANT PAYBACK!

YES SIR!
LIFT HIM UP!
ALRIGHT!
STILL, IT'LL BE ALL BUT GONE ONCE YOU SEE THE BEGINNING OF OUR NEXT SHOW!
MM!
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FUFUF... WELL, HAD A LOOK INTO THE OPENING?

LIGHT IT UP!
GUESS I'LL HELP YOU SEE A BIT MORE CLEARLY!
UH!
WELL? PRETTY NICE SCENE!
SO THIS WAS WHAT GOT KENZ!
MM!

I'M PRETTY POOR WITH A GUN, SO I MIGHT WELL END UP SNAPPING THE ROPE, HEHEHEHE...
NOW LET'S GIVE THIS A GO!
HEHEHE....
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HOW ABOUT THE NEXT ONE? HEHEHE...
OH OH, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A BIT OFF
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IT'D BE A SHAME TO KILL HIM SO EASILY, WE SHOULD HAVE HIM ENJOY IT!
HM, WHAT'S UP SAM?
WAIT ROBBER?
NOW LET'S SEE!
WELL THEN, I GUESS YOU CAN CALM DOWN MR. BOND!
THE ROPE IS DAMAGED THOUGH! MOVE TOO MUCH AND YOU'LL SIMPLY BE SAVING US TIME, JAMES BOND!
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FUFUFU... SO THATS WHAT YOU WERE THINKING SAM!
IT'D BE A SHAME TO GRANT HIM TOO SIMPLE A DEATH...

SIR!
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GOT IT, KEEP A GOOD EYE ON HIM!
WAHAHAHA... WELL THEN BOND, ENJOY YOUR REST. WE'RE JUST STEPPING OUT!
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IF HE TRIES ANYTHING ODD, KILL HIM RIGHT AWAY!
HEHEHE, HEAR THAT? I CAN KILL YOU RIGHT AWAY!
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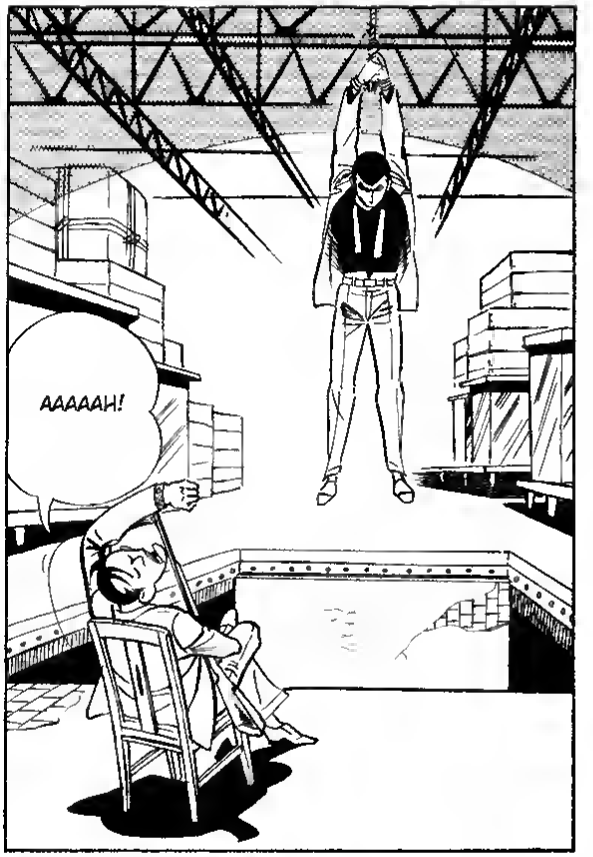
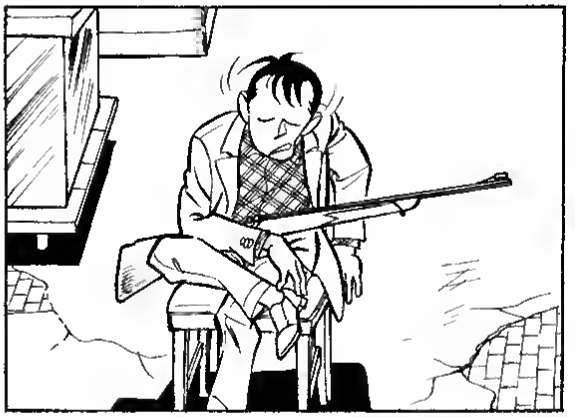
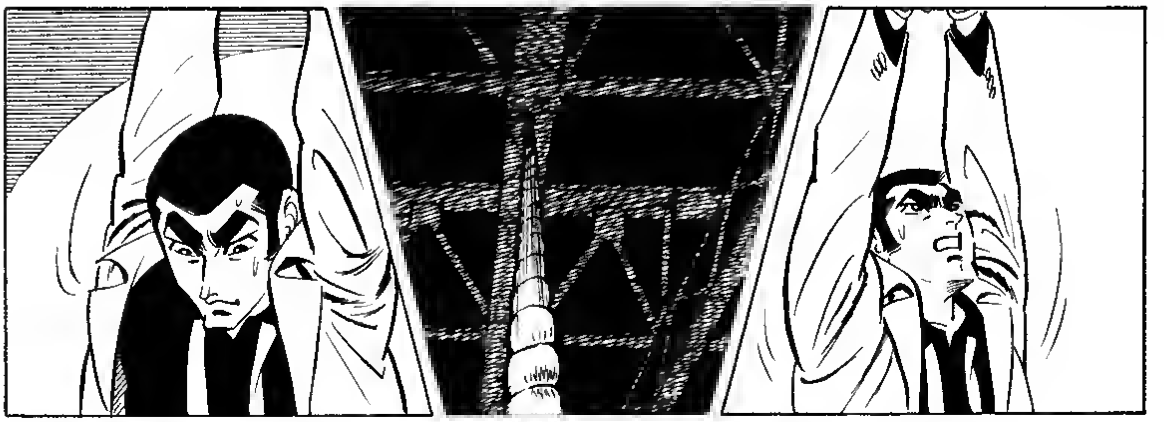
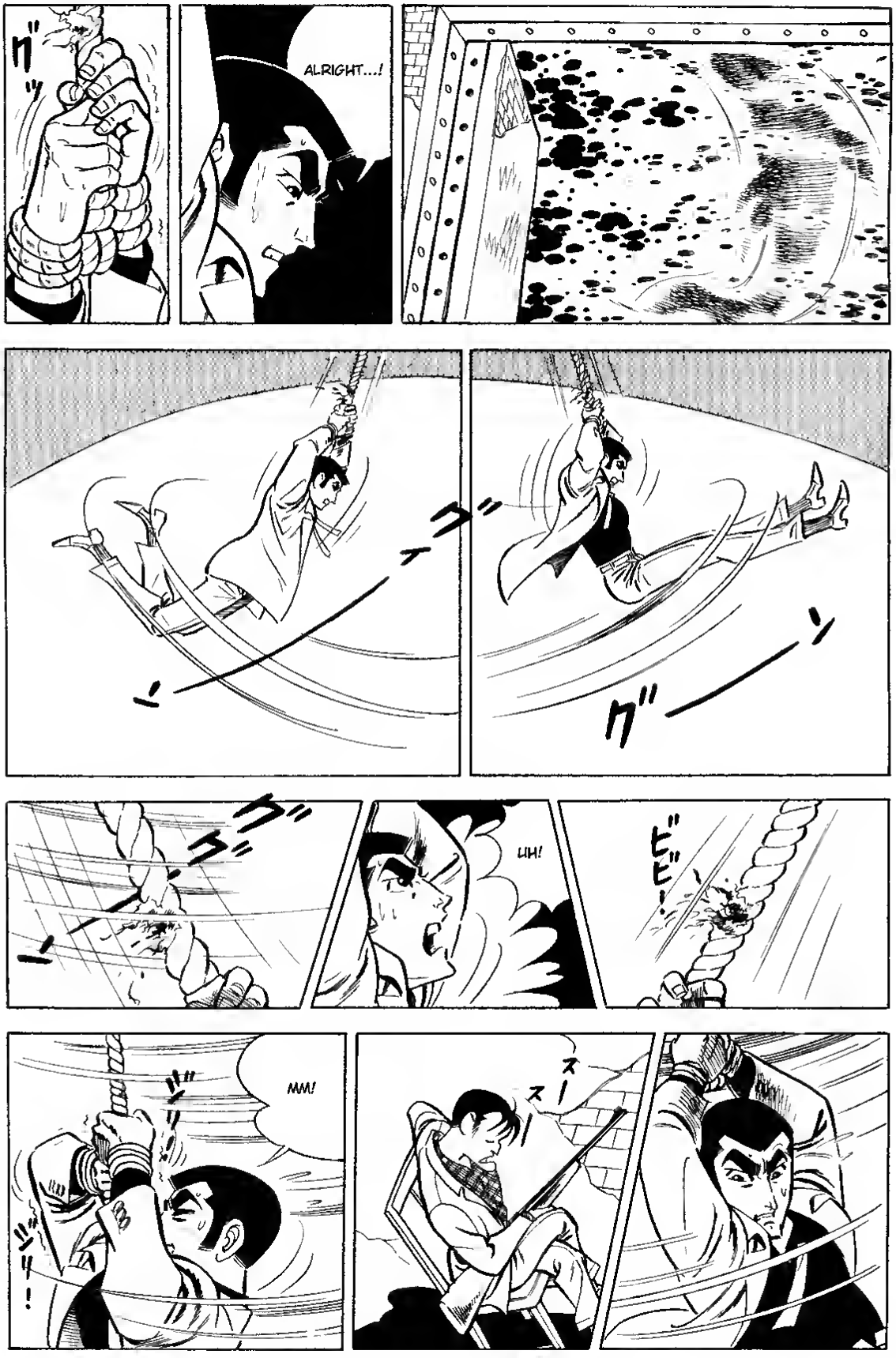
HEHEHE...


AAAAAH!






ALRIGHT...!
UH!
MM!

MMM, MM!
Y... YEAH...
SNORE, SNORE...

AH!
YOU PICKED A BAD SPOT TO SLEEP, MIND IF I HAVE A WORD?
M... MM?
GEHOH!

FUCK YOU!
D...DAMN IT!
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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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BOND!
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TAKE THIS!
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カ!
YOU SHOULD KNOW BEST THAT THAT'S NO ORDINARY POOL DOWN THERE.
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AWAWAH!
IF YOU DON'T WANNA DIE, COME OVER HERE!

KEEP TO THAT RESPONSE AND I'LL MAKE THE SHARKS IN THERE VERY HAPPY! THINK OVER IT, AND ANSWER ME AGAIN!
I... I DUNNO...
TELL ME WHERE ROBBER IS! AND MR. BIG?!
WAWAH!
MM!
TAKE THIS!
I... I'LL TELL YOU!
ROBBER'S ON GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND! TH... THE BOSS IS IN JAMAICA!
VERY WELL, BUT FIRST ANSWER MY QUESTION!
P... PLEASE SAVE MEEE!
AH!
JAMAICA! I FIGURED AS MUCH! THIS CLEARS UP THE GOLD COINS BEING BLOODY MORGAN'S SECRET TREASURE!
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AH!
ALRIGHT HERE GOES!
Q... QUICKLY PULL ME UP!
S...SAVE MEEE!
GIIIIEH!

HOW UNFORTUNATE. SEEMS HE WAS SO SCARED HIS HANDS WERE GREATLY SWEATING...
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HM? NOTHING... KITTY WOULDN'T HAVE GONE ANYWHERE THOUGH...
RING, RING, RING RING.
GET ME CABANA FOUR.
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UHHH...
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P... PUT YOUR HANDS UP BOND!
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FUFUFU... YOU SHOULD'VE FINISHED ME OFF!
HM!
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I FORGOT COURTESY WITH SUCH A CLOSE FRIEND.

YOU'LL SOON BE GOING STRAIGHT TO HELL!
KEH, YOU SHOULD GET YOUR JOKES OUT OF THE WAY QUICK!
YOU'VE A TASTE FOR CHEAP ART?
FUFUFU BOND! DO YOU GET THE MEANING OF THIS?
HE HAS A MEANS BY WHICH TO DESTROY ALL EVIDENCE! HE FULLY THOUGHT THINGS THROUGH AND HAS INSTALLED DYNAMITE UNDER THIS BUILDING!
MR. BIG IS A WARY MAN... IF HE WERE TO BELIEVE SOME DOG HAD SNUCK IN HERE...
HM?
L... LISTEN WELL BOND!
UH!
H... HAVING TURNED THE PICTURE, THE BUILDING WILL EXPLODE IN 10 MINUTES!
FUFUFU... T... TALKING LIKE THIS, FIVE MINUTES HAVE PASSED...
EH!

THANK YOU.
BUT WON'T YOUR BODY BE BLOWN UP TOO?
Y... YOU'RE THE TYPE OF MAN WHO'S WORTH THE EFFORT...
I SEE...
SO YOU DIDN'T SHOOT ME RIGHT AWAY, SO THAT I COULD TASTE THIS TERROR...
UH!
TWO MINUTES LEFT!
O... ONLY...
FUFUFU, I KNOW THAT... WELL, STILL, THIS BODY... HAS NO HOPE OF SURVIVAL ANYWAY...
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UH, COUGH, COUGH!
D... DON'T MOVE!
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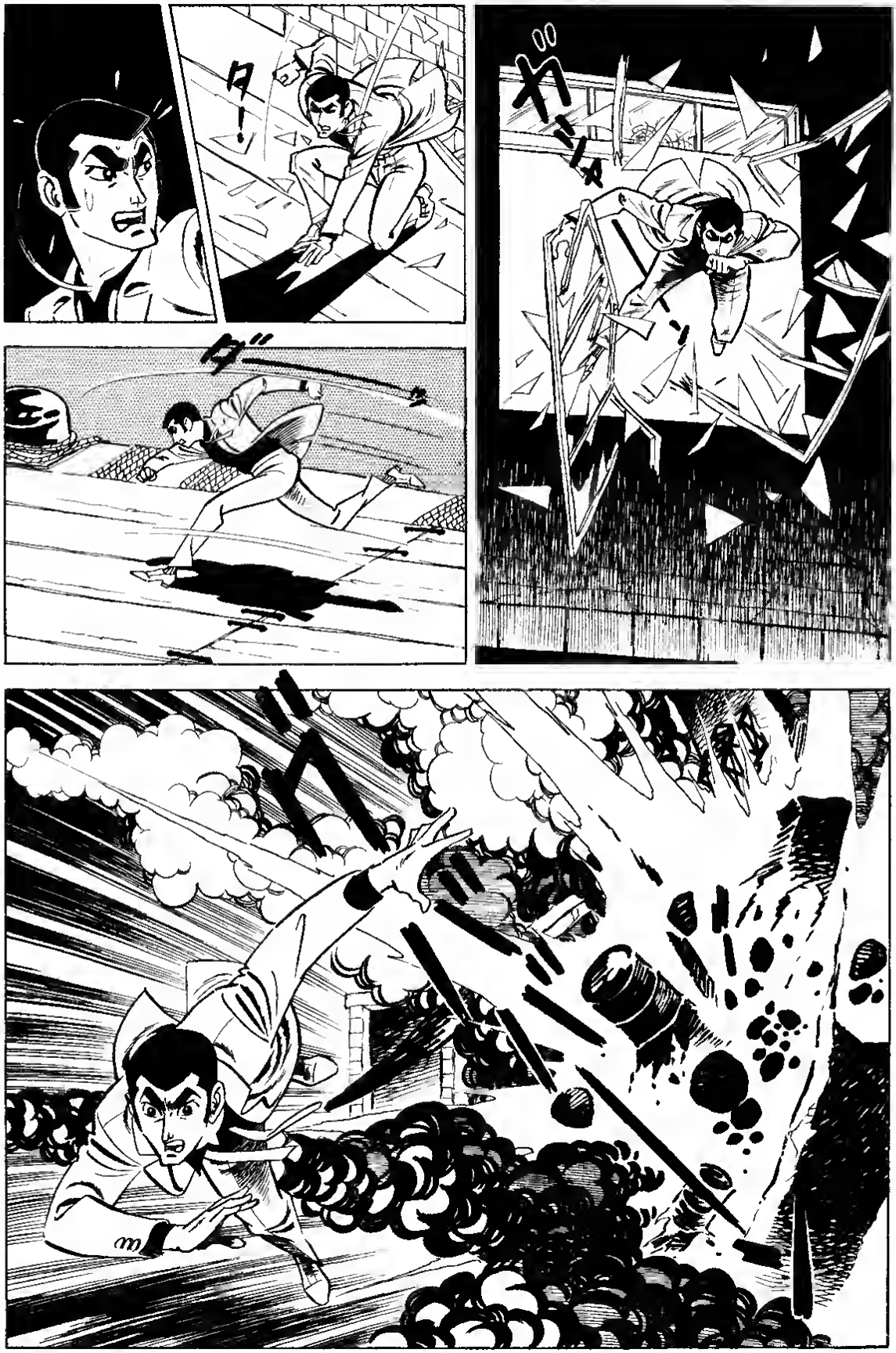
GEH, GORGH, GORGH!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I IMAGINE THIS WILL HAVE DEALT MR. BIG A GRIEVOUS WOUND... WHAT WITH HIM HAVING LOST BOTH THE WAREHOUSE FULL OF GOLD COINS, AND SAM MIAMI...
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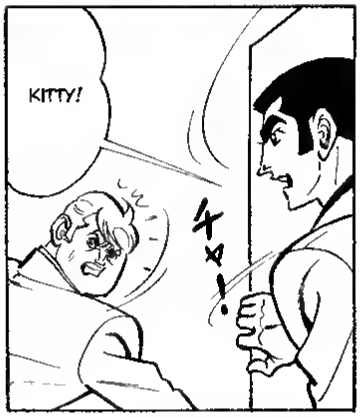
AND WHERE'S KITTY?!
WHAT HAPPENED, WHY'S THIS ROOM A MESS?!
IT WAS LIKE THIS WHEN I GOT BACK...
AND AS FOR KITTY...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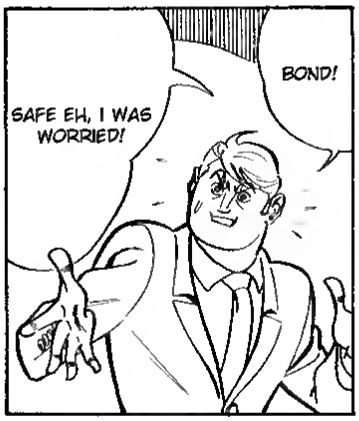
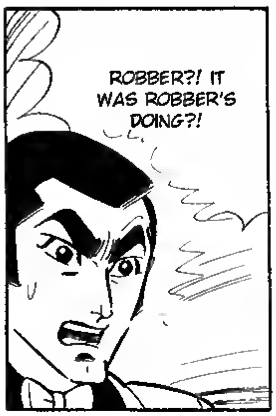

BOND!
SAFE EH, I WAS WORRIED!


ROBBER?! IT WAS ROBBER'S DOING?!

SUPPOSEDLY A BUNCH OF MEN TOOK HER AWAY! ONE OF THEM ONLY HAD A SINGLE EYE!

EH!
I ASKED THE PEOPLE AT CABANA 5, AND THEY SAID IT LOOKED LIKE SHE'D BEEN KIDNAPPED!

BUT WHERE COULD SHE'VE BEEN TAKEN...
WE HAVE TO ACT...
DAMN YOU ROBBER!
THEY SAID HE WAS A LARGE MAN WITH ONLY ONE EYE, SO IT WAS MOST LIKELY THE TROPICAL FISH DEALER.
KITTY...
ROBBER WAS MEANT TO HAVE BEEN ON GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND.
KITTY'S LIKELY THERE TOO.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
EH?
I KNOW!
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
MM, THE TRUTH IS...
I'LL BE GOING TO GRAND BAMAHA ISLAND!
I WANT YOU TO FLY TO JAMAICA.
SO, WHAT NOW?
MM.
STILL, IT'S NOW CLEAR THAT THAT'S WHERE THE GOLD COINS ARE ORIGINATING FROM.